

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING PHARMACEUTICAL  
ORDERS TO DETERMINE WHETHER A BUYER OF PHARMACEUTICALS  
QUALIFIES FOR AN "OWN USE" DISCOUNT

ABSTRACT

- Disclosed is a method and apparatus for processing pharmaceutical orders to determine whether a buyer of pharmaceuticals qualifies for an "own use" discount.
- 5 "Own use" discounts on pharmaceuticals are available for a limited class of buyers under 35 U.S.C. §13c. Under one method, an auditor receives an order for a quantity of pharmaceuticals, receives a report associated with the order containing sufficient information therein to perform an audit on the order, and compares the information
- 10 found in the order with the information found in the associated report to make a status determination as to whether a buyer qualifies for an "own use" discount. Preferably a second report containing additional audit information is received as well. The auditor can also audit the order by comparing the order to this additional information. If these comparisons result in a determination that the buyer does in fact qualify for an "own
- 15 use" discount, the auditor can then place the order with a pharmaceutical seller for a discounted price. Also disclosed is a pharmaceutical order auditing system that uses a computer to perform the above-described audit.